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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 27, dated 31st August 2009)

#### ORDER

The Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi, has taken many steps for effective implementation of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995. It has been stated in the Order No. F-1203/1/2007-BC. II, dated 19-2-2008 of Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Broadcasting Wing), New Delhi, that the enforcement of the said Act in many parts of the country is not satisfactory either due to lack of knowledge or mechanism to enforce the same. In order to overcome this hurdle, it was unanimously agreed in the 25th State Information Ministers Conference that an enforcement mechanism needs to be constituted by framing a Monitoring Committee. The scope of the Monitoring Committees is as follows:—

(i) To provide a Forum where the public may lodge a complaint regarding content aired over cable television and to take action on the same as per the procedure prescribed herein.

(ii) To review the action taken by Authorised Officers for enforcement of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

(iii) To immediately bring to the notice of the State and Central Government if any programme is affecting public order or wide spread resentment in any community.

(iv) To keep a watch on content carried by cable television channels at local level and to ensure, through Authorised Officers, that no unauthorised or pirated channels are carried and local news if aired by the cable television operator is restricted to information about local events and is presented in a manner which is balanced impartial and not likely to offend or incite any community.

(v) To monitor the availability of free to air channels and channels notified for mandatory carriage on the cable network.

2. Accordingly, the Administrator, Puducherry is hereby pleased to constitute the District Level Monitoring Committees for Puducherry and Karaikal Districts with the following officials:—

#### **PUDUCHERRY DISTRICT**

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| 1. The District Magistrate, Puducherry  | . . | Chairman          |
| 2. The Superintendent of Police of concerned area   | . . | Member            |
| 3. The Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue) of the concerned area.  | . . | Member            |
| 4. The Principal, Puducherry Government Women's Polytechnic, Lawspet.   | . . | Member            |
| 5. Sister Alocius, Krupa Seva Trust, 29, I Cross, Senthamarai Nagar, Muthialpet, Puducherry (Children Welfare). | . . | Member            |
| 6. Tmt. Sulochana, Vivekanandha Illam, 8, Victoria Nagar, Puducherry (Women Welfare).                           | . . | Member            |
| 7. Dr. (Tmt.) Kumuda, Principal (Retd.) Bharathidasan Government College for Women, Puducherry (Academician).   | . . | Member            |
| 8. Head of Department (Psychology), Tagore Arts College, Puducherry (Psychologist).                             | . . | Member            |
| 9. The Head of Department (Sociology), Tagore Arts College, Puducherry.   | . . | Member            |
| 10. The Station Director, Doordharshan, Puducherry  | . . | Member            |
| 11. The Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.  | . . | Member-Secretary. |

**KARAIKAL DISTRICT**

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| 1. The District Magistrate, Karaikal   | . . | Chairman          |
| 2. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Karaikal   | . . | Member            |
| 3. The Revenue Officer, Collectorate, Karaikal   | . . | Member            |
| 4. The Principal, Avvaiyar Government College for Women, Karaikal.                                 | . . | Member            |
| 5. Tmt. Madhani Marie, NGO, Sevai, Karaikal  | . . | Member            |
| 6. The Welfare Officer, CDPO, Karaikal   | . . | Member            |
| 7. Dr. Ramamoorthy, Chief Educational Officer (Retd.), Karaikal (Academician).                     | . . | Member            |
| 8. Dr. S. Pondi, Head of Department, Arignar Anna Government Arts College, Karaikal.               | . . | Member            |
| 9. Dr. S. Kandasamy, Medical Superintendent, Government General Hospital, Karaikal (Psychologist). | . . | Member            |
| 10. Thiru P. Muthuswamy, Assistant Station Director, All India Radio, Karaikal.                    | . . | Member            |
| 11. The Assistant Director (In-charge), Information and Publicity, Karaikal.                       | . . | Member-Secretary. |

3. The suggested procedures for handling the cases by the District Monitoring Committee:—

(i) A complaint cell headed by a nodal officer at District level should be established and wide publicity be given regarding the constitution of monitoring committee and procedure followed by it, including putting it on the website of the Union Territory.

(ii) The Committee shall ordinarily meet once in two months to look into the complaints brought to its notice by individuals/organisations or take *suo-motto* notice of violation of provisions of Cable TV Network Rules, 1995.

(iii) In case the complaint concerns content carried locally by cable TV network at its own level, the committee may call for footage/VCD of the programme/advertisement against which complaint is considered and a common pool of wisdom is available within the committee may form a view about whether a violation has taken place. In case the committee is of the view that violations has taken place, the authorised officer may take action as per section 11 of the Act after issuing show-cause notice to the network and giving them an opportunity to be heard. The representation of the network may also be placed before the committee for final decision regarding the action to be taken on it by the Authorised Officer.

(iv) In case the complaint pertains to National/Regional satellite channels the committee may forward its recommendation through the State Level Committee to the Government of India.

(v) Violations of the programme and advertisement code are dealt with by the Central Government in the following manner depending on the seriousness of the violation.

(a) An advisory is given to the channel.

(b) Warning is issued.

(c) Channel is required to scroll an apology for a specified number of days.

(d) Broadcast is suspended for specified time period.

The District Monitoring Committee can likewise take action against local cable operators in respect of content carried locally only. However no such action may be taken at their level in respect of National/Regional Satellite Channels.

4. The District Monitoring Committee will have to perform the following functions:—

(a) The Monitoring Committee will review and deliberate on the litany of complaints received by the Authorised Officers or take *suo-motto* cognisance of violations of Programme and Advertisement Codes in the programmes transmitted and retransmitted in the local cable channels.

(b) The committee will take a decision on the matters referred to it in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the members present at the meeting.

(c) The committee will determine whether a violation of the Codes has taken place and render advice on further action to be taken in the matter to the “Authorised Officer”

(d) The committee will forward complaints against satellite channels to the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi, who is the Chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted under section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violations of Programme and Advertisement Codes.

(e) The content related issues telecast on local cable channels or on satellite TV channels, which have local implications, the Authorised Officers will take action as per section 19 of the said Act.

5. The nominated members of the District Monitoring Committee shall have a term of two years and shall not be eligible for renomination. Any vacancy can be filled up by nominating a new member for a fresh term.

6. The District Monitoring Committee shall ordinarily meet once in two months to look into the complaints brought to its notice by individual/organisations or by other means.

(By order of the Administrator)

**G. RAGESH CHANDRA,**  
Additional Secretary (Revenue).

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

*No. 7806/DM/RO/D2/2008.*

*Puducherry, the 31st August 2009.*

**NOTIFICATION**

In pursuance of the provisions under clause (a) of section 2 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (Central Act 7 of 1995) and in supersession of the notification issued in G.O. Ms. No.2, dated 17-1-2001 of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry and published in the Extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette in Part-I, No. 9, dated 22nd January 2001, save as respects this done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Administrator, Puducherry hereby appoints the officers mentioned under column (2) of the Table below, as the Authorised Officers, in respect of the region mentioned against each under column (3) of the Table, for the Puducherry and Karaikal Districts of the Union territory of Puducherry for the purposes of the said Act, namely:—

**PUDUCHERRY DISTRICT**

Sl. No.	Name of the officer	Region
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	District Magistrate, Puducherry	Entire District of Puducherry
2	Sub-Divisional Magistrate (North), Puducherry.	Puducherry (North) region
3	Sub-Divisional Magistrate (South), Villianur.	Puducherry (South) region
4	Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mahe	Mahe region
5	Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Yanam	Yanam region.

**KARAIKAL DISTRICT**

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer	Region
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	District Magistrate, Karaikal	Entire District of Karaikal
2	Sub-Divisional Magistrate	Entire District of Karaikal

(By order of the Administrator)

**G. RAGESH CHANDRA,**  
Additional Secretary (Revenue).

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